

3 is provided between the reserve sealing surfaces.

1 21. (New) The sealing system according to claim 11, wherein the clearance  
2 with is 1/15,000 to 1/100 of a nominal width of the sealing system.

**REMARKS**

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is made to present alternative definitions of the invention. No new matter is added. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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